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SAVERIO CARL FALCO ET. AL.

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GROUP ART UNIT: 1652

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EXAMINER: DR. TEKCHAND SAIDHA

FOR: PLANT BRANCHED-CHAIN AMINO ACID BIOSYNTHETIC ENZYMES

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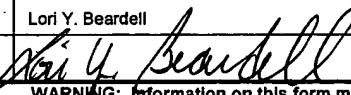
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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